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FOR A/OS LUEBKE FROM GLEYSTEN

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SUBJECT: TAIPEI AMERICAN SCHOOL GRANT

REF : DISCUSSIONS LUEBKE/BRUST - AUGUST 1973

1. TAIPEI AMERICAN SCHOOL (TAS) HAS ASKED FOR TWO GRANTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT: \$10,000 FOR ITS NEW CONTINUATION SCHOOL AND \$2,500 FOR SCHOOL BOARD TRAINING. FROM EMBASSY'S VIEWPOINT THESE ARE BOTH IMPORTANT PROGRAMS, AND I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN GETTING ALL OR ANY FRACTION OF THE MONEY THAT MIGHT BE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.

2. THE CONTINUATION SCHOOL IS DESIGNED TO COPE WITH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO FAIL TAS'S REGULAR PROGRAM AND CONSTITUTE ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT GROUPS WITH WHOM COMMUNITY MUST DEAL. TWENTY STUDENTS WILL BE ENROLLED AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$33,800 OF WHICH OUR MILITARY HAVE AGREED TO FINANCE \$17,800 TO COVER MILITARY DEPENDENTS INVOLVED. EVEN WITH SPECIAL TUITIONS AND SOME STAFF REDUCTIONS, TAS WILL REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL \$10,000 TO COVER THE ADDED EXPENDITURE. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THIS PROGRAM BECAUSE CONTINUATION SCHOOL WILL BE PHYSICALLY LOCATED NEXT TO OUR COMMUNITY-SPONSORED FAMILY ADVISORY CENTER AND WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH IT IN DEALING WITH BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS. THE EXTENT OF OUR COMMUNITY'S INTEREST IS SIGNIFIED BY OUR CONTRIBUTION OF OVER \$65,000 TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER AND RELATED STUDENT WORK

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PROGRAMS.

3. THE SECOND REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD TRAINING AND CONSULTANT SERVICES IS, AS YOU KNOW, A CONTINUATION PROGRAM INITIATED IN MAY OF THIS YEAR. BOTH THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND THE BOARD HAVE SHOWN IMPROVEMENT OVER THE PAST YEAR, REFLECTING AND INSPIRING FAR GREATER COMMUNITY INTEREST IN TAS. THIS IS A HEALTHY SITUATION WHICH WOULD SEEM TO WARRANT CONTINUED AID.

4. APART FROM HELP WITH THE SCHOOL'S IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS, ANY MONEY YOU CAN PROVIDE US WILL HELP EMBASSY IN OUR EFFORTS TO RAISE ADDITIONAL FUNDS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORT OF THE SCHOOL AND OUR SCHOOL-RELATED COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. IN PARTICULAR, I WOULD LIKE TO USE GRANTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT AS A CATALYST TO EXPAND SUPPORT FROM THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY.
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